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Depressed classes

Proposed reorganization of the Labour Department.

*1876 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any proposals for the reorganization of the Labour Department were received from the Commissioner of Labour;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what these proposals are; and

(c) whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to start special training schools for training teachers employed in the labour schools as community welfare workers or to aid any non-official organization prepared to undertake such training?

A.—(a) & (b) Final proposals are awaited.

(c) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Sir, in answer to clauses (a) and (b), it is said that 'final proposals are awaited.' Have Government received any preliminary proposals?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Yes."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"What are they?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"At present I am not in a position to disclose them."

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"As there are very few trained depressed class teachers in labour schools, may I know whether Government will be pleased to afford facilities to get more trained teachers?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"The hon. Member will do well to bring the matter to the notice of the Labour Commissioner, who will consider it."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"May I know whether most of the schools have teachers who are not trained?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I am not aware."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"All questions regarding the education of depressed classes should henceforth be put to the hon. the Education Minister."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"Sir, the present question is addressed to the hon. the Home Member."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"That means you will have to frame a fresh question addressed to the Education Minister, before you ask any question on that topic."

Government Press

Dismissal of one Ayyaswami Ayyar, Storekeeper, Government Press.

*1877 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether one Ayyaswami Ayyar, Storekeeper, Government Press, was dismissed from service with effect from 1st May 1928; if so, why;

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(*b*) whether it is a fact that no enquiry was held in his case as contemplated in rule 14 of the Statutory Rules;

(*c*) whether it is also a fact that the said Ayyaswami Ayyar had been reduced from higher to lower grade with effect from 1st March 1928; if so, why; and

(*d*) whether it is also a fact that no charge was framed, no explanation called for, no enquiry held or that not even a warning was given before the reduction was ordered?

A.—(*a*) Yes. He was dismissed for insubordination.

(*b*) An enquiry was held.

(*c*) Yes; because he failed to give the security required from a holder of the higher post.

(*d*) No. He was ordered on 24th December 1927 to furnish the security and warned on 1st February 1928. As the transfer was not a punishment a charge and enquiry were unnecessary.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"What is the act of insubordination that this man is guilty of?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"While he was on leave on medical certificate he took an active part in convening a meeting of the employees of the Government Press and when he was asked to explain his conduct he convened another meeting. His service records show that he has always been insubordinate."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"Is the hon. the Home Member aware that anything that a man does while on leave cannot amount to insubordination? When I am on leave and if I do an act then, it cannot constitute an act of insubordination."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"That is asking for an opinion."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether there is a rule that characterises attending meetings as acts of insubordination?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"It is not a question of attending a meeting; when he was asked for an explanation instead of giving an explanation he convened another meeting."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know which act amounts to insubordination?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Both together."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Sir, you said he was insubordinate because he convened another meeting, when asked for an explanation; and now you say 'both together'."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I said the whole act amounts to insubordination. While on leave on medical certificate he took an active part in convening a meeting and when asked for an explanation he summoned another meeting and took part in it."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know what the hon. the Home Member means by 'active part'?"

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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
"Convening a meeting and taking part in it."

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :—"May I know who conducted the inquiry ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
"The inquiry was held by the Superintendent of the Government Press."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know whether the hon. the Home Member is aware of the fact that the notice for convening the second meeting had already been issued when he received the order of explanation ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I am not aware."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"Has the hon. the Home Member inquired into the whole matter ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
"I have inquired into the matter already."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"Are the Government aware that when he addressed the second meeting he had not received the communication from the Superintendent ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"It has been answered."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"With regard to the giving of security is it not a fact that it was not demanded till two years had elapsed ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
"Yes."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"Why was it done when his pay had already been reduced ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
"Because new rules came into force."

Police

Rent-free quarters to officers of the Police department.

* 1878 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of officers of various grades in the Police department who are provided with buildings ;

(*b*) whether any rent is charged for any of them ;

(*c*) whether those who are not given official quarters are given any house-rent allowance ; and

(*d*) if so, how much ?

A.—(*a*) The following classes of officers and men of the Police department are entitled to rent-free quarters :—

(1) Sub-Inspectors, Sergeants, Probationary Sub-Inspectors, head constables and constables,

(2) Special Police, Malabar,

(3) All members of the Madras City Police,